GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RIGHT OF INDIAN EMBASSIES TO RENEW PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Embassies and the High Commissions have the right to renew the passports of Indians;

(b) if so, the time taken for the renewal of passports;

(c) whether the Indian Nationals have been facing difficulties as their passports are not being renewed after their lapse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) Usually one to three days are taken for renewing the passports subject to the applicant having landing right (resident permit in that country) and completion of requisite formalities.

(c) & (d) No. However, there may be few cases of delay where clearance of the Government is required, which takes time.